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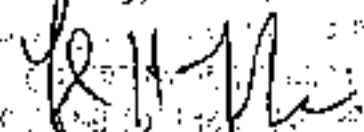
Dear Ms. Tiell:

On behalf of J. Wray Pearce, Treasurer of the Bachus for Congress Committee (the "Committee"), I would like to respond to your letter of April 29, 1997. The entry reflecting the payment to the Republican National Committee in the amount of \$25,000.00 on July 24, 1996 should have indicated that this amount represented a transfer of excess funds to a national party as authorized by 2 U.S.C. 439a. It is our understanding that a transfer in this amount which constituted excess campaign funds is permissible.

In response to your concerns about the AOPA contribution and the failure of AOPA to qualify as a multicandidate committee, we received the enclosed letter from the Aircraft Owners Pilots Association. Pursuant to such letter, it is our understanding that such committee was qualified as a multicandidate committee prior to the point it made its contribution.

Please call me if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


Colin H. Luke
Assistant Treasurer,
Bachus for Congress Committee

Enclosure